

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

July 10, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:09 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

Joslin Leasca, RNP

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Gerhardt

William Dodd, CRNA

Deborah G. Brown, RN,MSN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marcia Bliss, RN, MS, HARI

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:09 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF June 12, 2006

On motion of Ms Day, seconded by Ms. Sweeney, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Licensee list for June 2006 was distributed (attached).

Introduction and welcome to Pam McCue, new Director, Nursing Registration and Nursing Education.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Report given by Charles Alexandre, RN,MS, Chief, Health Professions Regulations.

- Mr. Alexandre commented that emails will continue to be sent to Board members concerning updates and pertinent information from the new Director.**
- RI legislation passed (H 7311 SUBSTITUTE B AS AMENDED) which permits global signature authority to certified nurse practitioners.**
- Elections for Board Officers will be put on the August 7, 2006 agenda.**

Business

- Marcia Bliss, RN,MS from HARI reported that a grant was received by the Health Partnership Council (HPC) which allows for the continued work of nursing workforce shortage issues. The HPC will be the umbrella organization now for the group formerly known as Colleagues in Caring.**
- Ms Bliss also reported that the Nurse Faculty externship program will be offered this fall again and that applications are being entertained now. This program provides continuing education hours for nurses.**
- Ms Rosa provided an update on the NCSBN Advanced Practice Vision Paper.**

- o The presumption that the clinical nurse specialist (CNS) role is not an advanced practice role in nursing is being revisited and dialogue is ongoing with professional nursing associations.
 - o The advanced practice nurse core exam is being developed.
 - o NCSBN is conducting a job analysis of the NP role vs the CNS role. The advisory panel creating the vision paper will use this analysis.
 - o The vision paper does not address the roles of the certified nurse anesthetist (CRNA) or the midwives.
 - o The vision paper will not be brought to the Delegate Assembly for debate/discussion in August. Summer 2008 is the goal for completion of this paper.
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- Many hearing requests are being made. Need to look at trends regarding investigating committee recommendations.
 - It was discussed that schools of nursing need to remind graduating students that applications must be complete to process. This includes completed application, transcript, and correct check amount.
 - It was clarified that undergraduate nursing students do not require training in order to take the certified nursing assistant (CNA) exam. This waiver is granted while they are active students. At the point of graduation from a nursing program, if the graduate wants to obtain a CNS certification, they must complete the required training before being allowed to set for the CNA exam.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 8:57 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:50 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today 's meeting:

RN06-033 Rebecca Homer Reprimand

PN06-044 James Drowne Reprimand

PN06-062 Maureen Jones Reprimand

RN25-407 Glynis Feole

Voluntary Surrender

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Day, Secretary